



HUMAN ECOLOGY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 2012 RECENT ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

THERESA SORJIANO '97, MD, MPH



A doctor and professor at The Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Theresa is a leading advocate for home-based primary care practice, particularly for underserved populations.

PUBLIC SERVICE:

Theresa is one of the nation's strongest voices for house call medicine. The New York State Office for the Aging has praised her for her advocacy work and for helping to develop medical training curriculum and evaluation methodology for home visit programs.

AT WORK:

Theresa is associate professor of medicine and geriatrics and palliative medicine at The Mount Sinai School of Medicine. She also directs The Mount Sinai Visiting Doctors Program and the newly established Chelsea-Village House Call Program, which together represent the nation's largest academic home-based primary care practice, reaching more than 1,200 homebound patients in Manhattan annually. She delivers much of her care to the homebound in East Harlem and Washington Heights in some of the most impoverished and dilapidated locations in New York City.

Her academic interests include quality education, and advocacy in home-based primary and palliative care, models of care for underserved populations, and health literacy. She has presented work on home-based primary care at the regional and national levels, and has published work in major medical journals.

AT CORNELL:

Theresa graduated from Human Ecology with a bachelor's degree in HDFS. As an undergraduate, she participated in the Urban Semester Program in New York City and was chosen for the Cornell National Scholars program, an effort to cultivate leadership skills in students. In recent years, she has been a sponsor for FRESH, an externship program that connects current students with alumni mentors.

AWARDS:

- * 2009 Eric Baron House Call Doctor of the Year, given by the American Academy of Home Care Physicians
- * 2007 Mount Sinai Visiting Doctors Program Resident Teaching Award
- * Mount Sinai Department of Medicine Ruth Abramson Humanism in Medicine Award
- * 2012 Hastings Center Cunniff-Dixon Physician Award

